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**Subject:** Draft Qs & As for Inside EPA  
Hoosick Falls

Hi Judith, please see below the final draft Qs & As for Inside EPA and let me know if you have any comments. As per the request, we'd like to be responsive by mid-day today. Thanks!

1. Where is EPA Region 2 at in considering the request to investigate the PFOA contamination in Hoosick Falls' groundwater and drinking water?

**Currently, EPA is gathering and conducting a review of available site related information. This review includes information such as available sampling data and environmental monitoring reports.** EPA will also be conducting an assessment to determine what other actions are warranted. This assessment includes sampling of the groundwater and soils (including local ballfields). The results of this assessment will be used to evaluate what additional short- or long-term actions may be needed.

2. Will EPA investigate this further, and consider listing the area on the NPL?

As noted above, EPA will be conducting an assessment of the contamination. In addition, New York State has requested that EPA evaluate Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corp.'s plant on McCaffrey Street (and any other source of a release of PFOA in the Village of Hoosick Falls or Town of Hoosick) for inclusion on the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). EPA will evaluate the contaminated groundwater and potential source areas for inclusion on the NPL. This evaluation is ongoing.

3. Given EPA currently does not have a cleanup standard for drinking water level for PFOA, on what grounds could EPA's Superfund program list the site on the NPL and/or take up the cleanup there?

As noted above, EPA will evaluate the site for possible inclusion on the NPL. CERCLA and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan authorize remedial and removal actions for hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. The fact that EPA has not promulgated a drinking water standard for PFOA does not prevent EPA from listing the site on the NPL.

4. [Judith] says she wrote to Saint-Gobain and the Village of Hoosick Falls recommending several actions, such as for households to be given 5 gallons of bottled water per day. Could I obtain a copy of this letter from you?

Attached is the January 5, 2016 email that EPA sent to the village, NYSDOH and Saint-Gobain, recommending certain actions. The list of measures we were recommending is set forth in the 4-page PDF document attached to this January 5<sup>th</sup> email.

5. Also, has Saint-Gobain or the village responded to this letter? If so, what did they say?

EPA did not receive a written response to our January 5<sup>th</sup> email. However, many of the items listed in the 4-page document were subsequently discussed by EPA, the Village and NYSDOH; and updated information has been provided to the public about a number of these issues, including at the January 14, 2015 public meeting in Hoosick Falls, in the “Frequently Asked Questions” document and other documents on EPA’s Hoosick Falls web page (<http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/hoosick-falls-water-contamination>), on the Village of Hoosick Falls’ web site (<http://www.villageofhoosickfalls.com/Water/default.html>), and in other communications.

6. It looks like Ms. Enck's slide #15 accompanying her Jan. 14 speech outline the letter to Saint-Gobain and the village. But can you clarify: is she asking those two entities to conduct these activities and pay for them? Or would costs be split? I'm referring to the supply of bottled water, the sampling of private wells, and the private wells' point of entry treatments or temporary public water treatment actions.

This question is asking about the same January 5<sup>th</sup> document as question 4. The recommended actions listed in the 4-page January 5, 2016 document were measures that we were recommending to be included in the agreement being negotiated between the Village and Saint-Gobain. As EPA has stated, we believe that the costs of responding to the water contamination problem in Hoosick Falls should be borne by the parties responsible for the contamination.

